GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4011
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SETTING UP OF SPECIAL SECURITY ZONES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had constituted a Committee headed by Soli Sorabjee to look into the issue of combating terror threats, insurgency and organized crimes;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made by the said committee thereof;

(c) whether the Committee had also recommended for setting up of Special Security Zones (SSZs) across the country by bringing together contiguous areas divided by State boundaries; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRI PRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): Ministry of Home Affairs had set up a Soli Sorabjee Committee to draft a New Police Act to replace the Police Act,1861 which submitted to the Government a draft model Police Act.

(b): The salient features of the model Police Act,inter-alia,include setting up of a State Police Board, fixing of tenure of the Director General of Police of the State and other key police functionaries, setting up of Police Establishment Committees for the purpose of L.S. U.S. Q.No. 4011 for 22.4.2008 effecting transfers and postings of police officers, separation of investigation from law and order,establishment of Police Accountability Mechanisms at the State and District levels, service conditions of police personnel and Rural/Village policing, Metropolitan / Urban Policing, involvement of the community in policing etc.

(c) & (d): The Draft Police Act submitted by the Committee also makes provisions for policing in the context of Public Order and Internal Security challenges, including creation of Special Security Zones in specific areas,within states, which may be affected by insurgency or militant/terrorist activities,and for such areas falling in more than one States.A copy of the draft model Police Act has been sent to all the States for consideration and appropriate action as 'Police' is a State subject under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.